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On May 1, 1964, PETER CASSISI, 12 Pleasantville Avenue, Ossining, New York, a former Marine Corps associate of OSWALD's, was interviewed by SA JAMES E. GORDON at Bronxville, New York. CASSISI, a Patrolman with the Bronxville, New York, Police Department, stated that he was born November 28, 1937, in Ossining, New York, and served in the United States Marine Corps from September 14, 1955, to January 18, 1960, MSN number 1568496. He stated that he was court-martialed on July 31, 1958, for assault and inciting to riot for which he was found guilty and served four months and six days in the stockade. He added that the charge resulted from a brawl in a bar.

CASSISI advised that he was attached to Marine Air Control Squadron Number 1 at Atsugi, Japan, and served there from about November 4, 1956 to December 10, 1958. He recalled that OSWALD was attached to the same unit and he had a recollection that OSWALD was with the unit in November, 1957, and he believed OSWALD was still with the unit in December, 1958, when he, CASSISI, left Japan to return to the United States.

CASSISI stated that he was assigned to a Transportation Unit as a mechanic and driver, while OSWALD was in a Radio Unit. The Radio Unit serviced radios used for radar sets and operated a radio relay station.

CASSISI pointed out that the men in the unit usually were close and stayed together both on duty and off duty.

CASSISI remarked that he lived in a barracks which housed 72 men and that OSWALD lived in the same barracks. The barracks was divided into cubicles by the arrangement of wall lockers. CASSISI stated that he was one of eight men in a cubicle and that all of these men were assigned to Motor Transport. He does not recall the men who shared a cubicle with OSWALD but would assume that they were men from the Radio Section.

CASSISI stated that he had limited contact with OSWALD. He advised that members of Motor Transport drove

radio men to duty in the radio shack and brought them back at the end of their shifts. They also brought food to the radio shack from the mess hall. CASSISI probably drove OSWALD and others to the radio shack and occasionally saw him when he delivered food from the mess hall.

CASSISI stated he had absolutely no contact with OSWALD during off duty hours and had no recollection of ever having spent any time with him or associating with him in any way.

CASSISI had no recollection that OSWALD had any associates. He described him as an "odd" type, who appeared to like being alone. CASSISI had the impression that OSWALD used to go to Yokohama occasionally during his off duty periods. On a few occasions, OSWALD returned to the barracks, after being on leave, in a completely drunken condition.

CASSISI said that he was sure of this because when someone came in and woke up every man in the barracks with his drunken shouting there was no doubt as to the identity of the person.

Other than this, CASSISI had no information as to OSWALD's activities during his off duty time. Other than on a few occasions when OSWALD appeared to be drunk, he was a very quiet person. CASSISI had no recollection that OSWALD was a fighter or was ever involved in any difficulties getting along with other men.

CASSISI said that OSWALD was very thin while in service. CASSISI did not immediately recognize OSWALD as a former Marine associate when his pictures were published after the assassination. It was only later that he realized that OSWALD was the same man he had served with in the United States Marine Corps.

CASSISI had a vague recollection that an individual (First Name Unknown, possibly RICHARD) CYR, might possibly have associated with OSWALD in the Marine Corps. He pointed out that this was a very vague impression but it was the only

name that came to his mind as a possible associate of OSWALD. He had no information as to the present whereabouts of CYR.

CASSISI stated that after an article appeared in "Life" magazine in February, 1964, in which his name was mentioned, he received a letter from a former associate in the United States Marine Corps, SIDNEY S. ROBINSON. ROBINSON, in the letter, without being specific, indicated that he had some recollection of OSWALD. ROBINSON, according to his letter, was to attend the Federal Aviation Agency's Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and would be there until either June 20th or July 4, 1964.

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